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Travel Alert updated due to winter weather conditions

An updated statewide **Travel Alert** is being issued by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) due to changing weather conditions. The weather in the western half of North Dakota is expected to change from rain to snow as temperatures drop this evening. Snow accumulation may be heavy at times, which may cause snow covered roads and reduced visibility. The weather in the eastern half of North Dakota is expected to receive additional rain mixed with freezing rain, which may cause icy road conditions as temperatures drop. Motorists are cautioned to be alert to changing conditions.

Please be advised that snow plow operators have been out working since early morning. NDDOT snow plows will continue working until early evening and will resume operation in the early morning. Travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: www.511.nd.gov for road and weather conditions.

Please be advised that information on 511 is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CST. The 511 road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported.

If motorists become stranded they should stay with their vehicle and call 911 for emergency assistance.

Travel Alerts - are issued to alert motorists that areas of challenging winter driving conditions may be encountered. Conditions are such that motorists can still travel; however, they should be aware that rapidly changing conditions may result in travel delays due to reduced speeds and visibility.

No Travel Advisories - are issued when conditions warrant no travel but not a road closure. No Travel Advisories have the potential to change to a Road Closure if conditions deteriorate. No Travel Advisories are issued for public safety to encourage motorists not to venture out onto the roads. Motorists are urged to take No Travel Advisories seriously. Conditions change often during a storm event and motorists may become stranded if they are caught between destinations.